

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5455**

LCO No. 3162

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON PATIENTS' MEDICAL RECORDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study patients' medical records. Such study shall include, but need
3 not be limited to, an examination of (1) the time frame for a health care
4 provider or health care institution to respond to a request for medical
5 records, (2) the cost for research and copies in response to a request for
6 medical records, and (3) the requirements of 45 CFR 164.524
7 concerning individuals' access to their protected health information.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
10 who shall be a representative of a business that provides health
11 information management services;

12 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
13 shall be a representative of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association;

14 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
15 Representatives;

16 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be

17 a patient advocate;

18 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
19 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Connecticut
20 Medical Society;

21 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
22 a representative of the Connecticut Hospital Association; and

23 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
24 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
25 relating to public health, or their designees.

26 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
27 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
28 of the General Assembly.

29 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
30 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
31 filled by the appointing authority.

32 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
33 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairperson of the task force
34 from among the members of the task force. Such chairperson shall
35 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
36 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

37 (f) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a report
38 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee
39 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
40 public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
41 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
42 submits such report or January 1, 2017, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section